



# County of Santa Cruz



## HEALTH SERVICES AGENCY Public Health Division Emergency Medical Services

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## EMERGENCY MEDICAL CARE COMMISSION MINUTES

<b>DATE &amp; TIME</b>	Monday, February 9, 2026, 9:00am – 10:30am
<b>LOCATION-In-Person</b>	County of Santa Cruz, 1400 Emeline Ave., Rooms 206/207

### COMMISSIONERS:

X	Ron Prince, M. Koenig, District 1 – Co Chair	X	Chief Sara Ryan, Law Enforcement
X	Jerry Souza, K. De Serpa, District 2	X	Chief Rob Oatey, Fire Chief’s Assoc.
X	Celia Barry, J. Cummings, District 3	X	Tammy Green, Dominican Hospital Rep.
X	Michael Baulch, F. Hernandez, District 4		<i>Open Position, Watsonville Hospital Rep.</i>
X	Dan Quinto, M. Martinez, District 5	X	Jeremy Boston, AMR
X	Dr. Marc Yellin, Medical Society ( <b>REMOTE</b> )	X	Chris Jones, Consumer Representative
X	Samantha Moeller, Field Representative		

### COUNTY STAFF:

X	Greg Benson, EMS Director	X	Dr. Eli Carrillo, EMS Medical Director
X	Dr. Lisa Hernandez, Public Health Officer	X	Shelley Huxtable, EMS Office Assistant
X	Claudia Garza, Sr. Dept. Admin. Analyst		

### ITEM:

- 1. Call to Order/Establish Quorum** – Meeting called to order and quorum established at 9:00am by Commissioner Prince.
- 2. Review/Correct Agenda & Approve Minutes from December 2025 meeting** – Commissioner Souza made the motion to approve, Commissioner Boston seconded, motion approved.
- 3. Written Correspondence** – None.
- 4. Oral Communications** – Introduction/Welcome newest Commissioner, Chief Sarah Ryan, Capitola Police Department.
- 5. Fire Chief’s Update** - RING radio update – fire districts concern with governance, financing extend 10-12 years, use Prop 172/ERAF, County cover County radio shop/maintenance costs.

Fire agencies are renumbering their engines - Netcom approved two systems – 4 number, 2 number. 2 number is common in other counties, SCZ first 60 series, SCO and CTL will happen later this year. WTS doesn't know yet, SLV not interested.

Medic training program moving from Marina to Cabrillo, improved fire training center, enhanced relationship with Cabrillo.

Contracts – currently meeting with contractors, discussing the use of consultants, met with various agencies who transport throughout the state.

SCHMITT – tri-county with Monterey and San Benito, training efficient use of current resources 1.4 activations in our county per year.

**6. Acknowledge & Recognition Program for First Responders/Good Calls by the Board of Supervisors** - A program for first responders to nominate each other for above and beyond calls.

There will be a form to fill out for nominations. Recognition quarterly at Board of Supervisors meetings, letter of recommendation from County EMS in personnel file, social media posting the good deeds. QR code posted at agencies for nominations. Create a small committee of folks not directly involved in EMS to approve nominees.

Commissioner Souza made the motion, Commissioner Barry seconded the motion, all approved.

**7. Behavioral Health Update** - See the attached presentation.

**8. Ad-Hoc Committee Update** – Six Minutes to Live press release published and on web site, 5 AED's donated to law enforcement, San Jose resident donated an AED to the program. Will have a Save Station at Steamer's Lane by the end of February. Crow's Nest will have a station soon. Will have a booth at farmer's markets, fairs and festivals for quick teaching to the public, high schools are passing out Narcan, 9th grade health class teaching roll out hoping for Fall season.

Commissioner Oatey – Ride A Wave foundation would like information/teaching.

Greg Benson – Data Project 90% complete. Remaining 10% will take awhile longer. Big data ask from fire agencies, last piece is the hospitals, however, with SCHIO being sold, more time is needed. Red Lights and Sirens – system assessment by contractor in the next year.

**9. Commissioner Updates –**

Commissioner Souza, meeting with Supervisor DeSerpa.

Commissioner Moeller, working on BH protocols and meds.

Commissioner Jones, what is the commission going to do to help Watsonville Hospital?

Commissioner Souza stated he will be meeting with the CEO, Stephen Gray.

Commissioner Green, Dominican CEO is retiring, they have the top 2 candidates doing site tours, decision will be made soon, the ED mobile clinic will be at the Watsonville Flea Market, staffed with and RN, Dominican has Narcan dispensers outside the ED.

Commissioner Quinto, no update, working on setting up an appointment with Supervisor Martinez.

Commissioner Oatey, participating in the Golden Eagle table top exercise.

Commissioner Ryan, No update, collaborating with Fire on radios and BH.

Commissioner Barry, we need 2 viable hospitals in the County, commission should talk to the Board of Supervisors about what's happening at Watsonville Hospital.

Commissioner Baulch, has been teaching tactical medicine.

**10. Program Updates:**

**A. Communicable Disease Update** – Nothing to report on communicable diseases, may have an uptick after Super Bowl weekend and over the weeks following. BH policies have been approved.

**B. EMS Administrator Report** – Budget Season for the County, EMS cut \$85,000 from the budget, maintaining the current status quo. Ordered hi-fidelity training manikin for training for law and fire, Felton Fire has a secure trailer for it.

**C. Innovator Report** – Frequent utilizer in Aptos.

**11. Proposed Agenda Items for next EMCC meeting on April 20, 2026** - None.

**13. Adjournment** – Meeting adjourned at 10:30am.